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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The expenditure involved is Rs. 97,559-7-0.

" (b) The number of people protected is 63,000 and Rs. 1-8-9 is the per capita cost (excluding materials which were supplied by UNICEF).

" (c) The number of people benefited is 1,63,517 and Rs. 1–7–5 is the per capita cost."

District Co-operative Central Bank, Cuddapah.

* 737 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to supersede the District Co-operative Central Bank, Cuddapah;

(b) whether there was a deputation to him requesting him to drop the question of supersession; and

(c) what has been the final decision on the matter?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) The Board of Management of the Cuddapah Co-operative Central Bank has been superseded by the Registrar for one year from 26th May 1953.

" (b) Three Directors of the Bank led a deputation to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and wanted six months' time to set right the irregularities observed in the working of the Bank.

" (c) The request of the deputationists was not complied with by the Registrar."

Checking Inspectors in Government Transport Service.

* 738 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) how many Checking Inspectors in the Government Transport, Madras, were promoted and how many reverted in 1951–52 and what were the reasons for reversion;

(b) whether the Government received any representation from the reverted Inspectors, and if so, what action was taken; and

(c) whether the Government have a Coach Building Factory at Chromepet, and if so, why it was that 30 buses were brought from Bombay, General Motors, Limited, in 1952 instead of building the body in the Factory at Chromepet?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Two Checking Inspectors were promoted and one reverted in 1951–52. The reversion was due to continued unsatisfactory work.

" (b) No representation was received from the reverted Checking Inspector.

" (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have a Coach Building Factory at Chromepet. The Government Factory was fully

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engaged with other work on hand and could not undertake the construction of the bodies on the 30 chassis which had to be done very urgently. The quotation for construction of bodies by Messrs. General Motors was also extremely reasonable and reports from users regarding their bodies were very favourable."

Scales of pay of the maistries under the Highways Department.

* 739 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the maistries under the Highways Department are whole-time Government servants of the department;

(*b*) if not, the reasons for not treating them as whole-time Government servants; and

(*c*) if so, the pay scales granted to them?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:– "(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) Does not arise.

"(*c*) The maistries are on monthly rates of pay varying from Rs. 20 to Rs. 100 and there is no time scale of pay prescribed for them. Their pay varies from place to place as it has been fixed taking into consideration the prevailing market rates. The Divisional Engineers have got powers to fix the pay of the maistries up to Rs. 100 per mensem and also to grant them increments, ranging from Re. 1 to Rs. 5 according to their deserts."

Kist collection in Kudligi taluk, Bellary district.

* 740 *Q.*—Sri K. KOTRA BASAVANA GOUD: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the kist collection in Kudligi taluk of Bellary district has been postponed;

(*b*) whether the Government have granted remission of land revenue; and

(*c*) if so, what percentage?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(*a*) Yes. Collection of kist due in the months of January and February 1953 has been postponed to April and May 1953 respectively.

"(*b*) & (*c*) Proposals for land revenue remission in respect of any part of Bellary district have not so far been received by the Government."